



"You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns, nor crush the hand of the weak against the strong."

LUCKY BRYAN—FOOLISH McKINLEY.

(The New York Journal)

Suppose William J. Bryan had said six months ago:

"I had a dream last night. I dreamed that McKinley revived the dead and decayed Clayton-Bulwer treaty and made a new treaty giving all the powers of Europe the right to use the Nicaragua Canal to attack our coast. I dreamed that he signed a currency bill which not only established the gold standard, but loaded it down with an arrangement for making the bond-holders a present of \$80,000,000 in cash and perpetuating the national debt for the profit of the banks. Finally I dreamed that he declared it to be 'our plain duty' to give free trade to Porto Rico and then ate his own words at the command of the trusts."

Would not his friends have advised medical treatment for incipient delirium?

No Presidential candidate ever had such a run of luck as Mr. Bryan is having to-day. President McKinley seems to have forgotten that the Empire is not yet established. He has forgotten that public opinion still rules in the United States, and that there is to be a day of reckoning on the 6th of next November.

Mr. McKinley sometime ago intimated that Duty and Destiny were to be the guiding stars of his administration. Later he defined one aspect of Duty in these words: "OUR PLAIN DUTY is to abolish all customs tariffs between the United States and Porto Rico and give her products FREE ACCESS TO OUR MARKETS."

Now the President has outdone from Duty and undertaken to travel with Destiny alone, or Destiny in combination with Pursey. He has allowed the announcement to be made that he desires the passage of the bill levying taxes upon the Porto Ricans without their consent.

Among the grievances charged against George III. and the British Parliament in the Declaration of Independence our fathers said that they enacted laws:

FOR CUTTING OFF OUR TRADE WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

FOR IMPOSING TAXES ON US WITHOUT OUR CONSENT.

Mr. McKinley makes a most impressive appearance in the character of George III.

The desperate party managers have tried to make their bill a little less odious by reducing their taxes to 15 per cent. of the Dingley rates and limiting their operations to two years. The two-year limitation, of course, simply shifts the whole matter to the next Congress. That Congress will have as much power as the present one in any case. The reduction in the rate merely makes the threatened extortion a little less flagrant. It does not affect the question of principle.

"THE HIGHEST CONSIDERATIONS OF JUSTICE AND GOOD FAITH" cannot be compromised. This nation cannot afford to do less than 100 per cent. of its "PLAIN DUTY."

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CUTICURA SOAP removes the cause of disgusting eruptions, red, rough hands, scaly scalp with falling hair, and baby rashes, viz.: the clogged, inflamed, or irritated condition of the pores. No other soap is so compared with it for preserving, purifying, and beautifying the skin, scalp, hair, and hands, and for all the purposes of the toilet, bath, and nursery. Sold throughout the world. PORTER DRUG AND CHEM. CO., PROPRIETORS, BOSTON. "How to have a Clear Complexion," free.

ASK YOUR DOCTOR!

Ask your physician this question, "What is the one great remedy for consumption?" He will answer, "Cod-liver oil." Nine out of ten will answer the same way.

Yet when persons have consumption they loathe all fatty foods, yet fat is necessary for their recovery and they cannot take plain cod-liver oil. The plain oil disturbs the stomach and takes away the appetite. The disagreeable fishy odor and taste make it almost unendurable. What is to be done?

SCOTT'S EMULSION

of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites. Although that was nearly twenty-five years ago, yet it stands alone to-day the one great remedy for all affections of the throat and lungs.

The bad taste and odor have been taken away, the oil itself has been partly digested, and the most sensitive stomach objects to it rarely. Not one in ten can take and digest the plain oil. Nine out of ten can take SCOTT'S EMULSION and digest it. That's why it cures so many cases of early consumption. Even in advanced cases it brings comfort and greatly prolongs life.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS.

The State Democratic committee met in Richmond Friday evening and selected Norfolk as the place, and May 2, as the time for the State convention. Owing to the unwieldy size of the last two conventions the representation was reduced one half by making the basis one delegate to every 200 voters instead of 100 voters as heretofore. The call will state that the convention besides the election of delegates to the national convention that meets in Kansas City on July 4 may consider the question of a constitutional convention.

The uniformed porters who were placed in service by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at their Washington City Depot on the first of the year have proven a great convenience to the traveling public. There are six of them and they are known as "station porters". They meet all trains and their duties are to assist passengers in carrying their baggage from the train to the waiting-room or carriage. They are instructed to pay special attention to elderly people, ladies and children and to assist them in every possible manner. They are not allowed to request any remuneration from passengers for their services. The men have been drilled in politeness and have passed examination as to their knowledge of the train service. The uniform, of blue cloth, with red cap, lettered "B. & O." with shield on the left breast, with the figure of the Dome of the Capitol. The men are also posted on the City of Washington and will give any information pertaining to street car service and other matters so essential at the Capital.

The Democratic State committee of New Hampshire has appointed its delegates to the next national Democratic convention, and, as was expected, all of them are for Mr. Bryan. Those to be appointed by the districts will also be Bryan men. And so it goes; the Democrats of the whole country, North, South, East and West, want Mr. Bryan to be their leader, and if the will of the majority should be supreme anywhere it should certainly be in the Democratic party—Alexandria Gazette.

It's a small business for a country that taxed its own people a billion dollars for a war to relieve the people of Porto Rico of alleged Spanish tyranny, to flout the Constitution in order to be enabled to get a million and a quarter from those people—the amount that will be collected annually by the bill that passed the U. S. House of Representatives last Wednesday.—Alexandria Gazette.

A dispatch from Manila says: The Filipinos are trying to keep alive the armed opposition to the United States, and are planning to continue guerrilla warfare on a larger scale when the rainy season begins.

JAMES BARRON HOPE.

The Conservative Review for March, 1900, has a rich and varied table of contents, and not the least in interest is a sketch of James Barron Hope and a review of his poetical work by his daughter, Mrs. Jane Hope Marr. Miss Hope might be pardoned to the tender relations of the writer to the subject of her sketch for any excess of praise or extravagance of statement, but to her great credit it should be said that in no single instance is such an extenuation required. In this respect she has written with a self-restraint and a calmness of her environment that make the reader that knew James Barron Hope feel that more in justice to the subject might be said. Of him as a man, a journalist and a politician she writes briefly and incidentally. The chief object of the paper is to consider him as a poet, and the sketch is flavored with copious specimens of his art and genius taken from poems that should be, and no doubt are, familiar to all cultured Virginians at least. His was a mind richly endowed with that indefinable affluence that finds adequate expression only in the highest poetic forms, and spurns the senseless jargon and rhyme so pleasing to the vulgar ear. His scholarship was rich and varied and he wrote only for the scholarly and cultured. His genius found enthusiastic expression on all subjects relating to Virginia and the South. What can be nobler than the following from the "Lee Memorial Ode":

He triumphed and he did not die—No funeral bells are tolled—But on that day in Lexington Fame came herself to hold His stirrups while he mounted To ride down the streets of gold.

Mrs. Marr would have failed in duty had she not said, "His genius had flowered not out of opulence, or congenial occupation, but out of the treadmill of newspaper life." This fact adds immensely to his work. We regret that we have no space for a more extended notice of this sketch.

WHERE THE FLAG HANGS.

President McKinley raised the flag over the harem of the Sultan of Salu, "Who will dare haul it down?" Attorney-General Griggs flustered it over "Glory-crowned Heigels"—to wit, "Gold and Glory."

Treasurer Gage uses it as an aspirer over "Philanthropy and 5 per cent"—Standard Oil bank.

Gen. W. H. L. Barnes of California nails it to the "Battlements of Heaven," where it can never be hauled down since none of the imperialists will ever get near enough.

WHERE THE FLAG DOES NOT HANG.

It does not hang over the currency of the people through the robbery bill.

It is a winding sheet to freedom in the Philippines.

It is a Weyer emblem to the Porto Ricans;

A fraud to the Cubans;

Cheap labor to the Hawaiians;

A pall on the grave of popular sovereignty in the United States and everything and nothing, as the Republican party choose to make it.

DOES IT PAY TO BUY CHEAP.

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the only remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boesche's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but it kills inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. Sample bottles at B.H. Gorrell's, Lexington, Va.

Sunshine and sentiment breathe through the paper called "A Day at Prato" (Italy), by Harriet Monroe, in the March "New Lippincott." Miss Monroe is known for her "World's Fair Ode" and other books, and her description of Italy is seasonable for the traveller who shuns the snow.

Hacking COUGH

A hacking cough is a grave-yard cough; the sooner you get rid of it the better. Don't wait until it develops into consumption, but use the celebrated Dr. John W. Bull's Cough Syrup at once. It is a wonderful remedy for all throat and lung affections, and will cure a deep-seated cough or cold in a few days.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup

Will cure a Hacking Cough. Doses are small and pleasant to take. Doctors recommend it. Price 25 cts. At all druggists.

IS THIS YOUR STORY?

"Every morning I have a bad taste in my mouth; my tongue is coated; my head aches and I often feel dizzy. I have no appetite for breakfast and what food I eat distresses me. I have a heavy feeling in my stomach. I am getting so weak that sometimes I tremble and my nerves are all unstrung. I am getting pale and thin. I am as tired in the morning as at night."

What does your doctor say?

"You are suffering from impure blood."

What is his remedy?

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You must not have constipated bowels if you expect the Sarsaparilla to do its best work. But Ayer's Pills cure constipation.

We have a book on Paleness and Weakness which you may have for the asking.

Write to our Doctors.

Perhaps you would like to consult eminent physicians about your condition. Write us freely all the particulars in your case. You will receive a prompt reply.

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FRATERNITY NOTES.

ODD FELLOWS.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will meet this year at the Hot Springs.

The meeting will begin on May 2d, will last several days.

There are 210 lodges of this order of Odd Fellows in Virginia, representing a membership of 12,000. There are lodges in every city and county in the State.

JR. O. U. A. M.

State Councilor Floyd A. Hugin, of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, has called a special convention of the order to be held in Richmond March 14th, for the purpose of reorganizing under the new charter recently granted by the Legislature. The convention will also take steps looking to the adjustment of the differences between the suspended State Council and the National Council. The call was issued at the request of fifty Juniors in different parts of the State.

K. OF P.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Virginia, which met at Winchester last week, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Charles T. Blain, Portsmouth, grand chancellor; E. L. Cunningham, Newport News, grand vice chancellor; William H. May, Alexandria, grand prelate; Walter A. Edwards, Norfolk, grand keeper of records and seal; T. L. Courtney, Richmond, grand master of exchequer; John M. Newton, Pocahontas, grand master at arms; James W. Gordon, Richmond, grand inner guard; George C. Cable, Jr., Danville, grand outer guard.

The Grand Lodge will meet next year at Hampton.

DOUBLE SALARIES.

In the Senate the bill amending the act in relation to the pay of members of the Legislature has been passed. It provides that when a member shall die the salary for the session shall be divided between his estate and his successor in office, to be calculated upon the length of time of service. In other words, the bill is designed to prevent, in case of death, the paying of double salaries. There have been three deaths during this session. In each one the estate of the deceased received the salary for the entire session and the person chosen to fill the vacancy was paid for the whole session.

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It is the medicine above all others for catarrh and is worth its weight in gold. Ely's Cream Balm does all that is claimed for it.—B. W. Sperry, Hartford, Conn.

My son was afflicted with catarrh. He used Ely's Cream Balm and the disagreeable catarrh all left him.—J. C. Olmstead, Aroha, Ill.

The Balm does not irritate or cause sneezing. Sold by druggists at 50c or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., New York.

You little knew when first we met That some day you would be The lucky fellow I'd choose to let, Pay for my Rocky Mountain Tea. Ask Your Druggist.

SOME CARELESS LEGISLATION.

One Hundred and Thirty New Offices Created in Virginia.

A bill introduced in the Virginia Senate on Saturday night for the appointment of a commission of valuations of personal property and incomes, was signed by the Governor Monday a terribleness, and became a law. The Senators were not evidently full informed on all the provisions of the bill, because when the bill was introduced bankers from all over the State poured in telegrams objecting to it.

The objectionable feature is that under the new law, the commission can examine on each February 1st the balance in bank to the credit of every depositor with a view to ascertaining the depositor is paying taxes thereon. They argue that this feature is not only a breach of confidence but that it is useless for the reason that a depositor could withdraw his money the day before February 1st and further that it is hurtful to the banks as persons may not then re-deposit their money. Governor Tyler signed the bill over the protest of 25 Senators.

The bill originated in the House through Mr. Parks, and was passed in the Senate on Saturday. It provides for the appointment by the Auditor, Second Auditor and Treasurer of about 135 commissioners who shall hold office for five years, to assess all moneys, bonds, notes, stock incomes, capital invested, and deposits in any bank, firm, or corporation or person.

They are to receive as compensation one-twentieth of one per cent. on all they assess.

THE NEW LAND GRABBER LAW.

The Jeffries law, starved in the Senate and passed through both houses, to suppress the notorious land-grabber act of the last Legislature, has been signed by the Governor.

In this new bill the penalty is fixed at 10 per cent. of the amount of taxes due, the whole not to exceed \$20 nor to be less than \$5. The new law provides that notice of application is not to be served upon the person in possession, but upon the owner of heirs, as shown by the will and deed books. Failure to give notice violates the deed, but the burden of proof of such failure is to rest upon the party attacking the deed. The applicant to purchase is also required to deposit 10 per cent. of the purchase price when making his application.

RELIEF AT LAST FOR LADYSMITH.

London, March 1.—\$50 a. m.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from General Buller:

"Lyttelton's Headquarters, March 1. 9:05 morning.—General Dundonald, entered Ladysmith last night. The country between me and Ladysmith is reported clear of the enemy. I am moving on Nelthorpe."

London, March 1.—7:02 p. m.—General Buller telegraphs as follows:

"Nelthorpe, March 1.—5:20 p. m.—I have just returned from Ladysmith. Except a small guard north of Surprise Hill, the whole of the enemy lately besieging the town have retired in hot haste, and to the south of the town the country is quite clear of them."

"The garrison were on half a pound of meat a man per day, and supplementing the meat rations by horse and mules. The men will want a little nursing before being fit for the field."

Your blood goes through your body with jumps and bounds, carrying warmth and active life to every part, if you take Rocky Mountain Tea. Ask Your Druggist.

Congressman Sidney P. Eppes, of the Fourth Va., district died in Washington on Friday night after an operation for appendicitis, aged 35.

It requires Nerve to stand the strain of nervous neuralgia, pains in the face, head or any part of the body. These pains are quickly stopped by the use of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer. The relief is immediate and lasting. Do not suffer a moment longer but use the Pain-Killer as directed. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer Perry-Davis'. Price 25c. and 50c.

The people of this country should not devote all their attention to the Anglo-Boer war. Just remember that we have 'troubles of our own'—in the Philippines.

It brings to the little ones that precious gift of healthy flesh, solid bone and muscle. That's what Rocky Mountain Tea does. 35c. Ask Your Druggist.

The bill to charter the Richmond and Washington Air Line railway, the connecting link of the Seaboard system between Richmond and the north, is now a law. Governor Tyler approved it Saturday, and pre-empted the pen used to Mr. J. Skelton Williams.

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seem to know their business, but there will be a Bull Run, a Manassas, a Fredericksburg, a Chancellorsville, a Cold Harbor, a few others possibly, and then an Appomattox. The English will be getting stronger and the Boers weaker and then the latter will have to bow to the inevitable. We can but admire pluck in war and in business but requires something else in both to achieve success.

We have had this pluck to buy all our

Spring Goods

In November and December and thereby head off an advance of 25 to 50 per cent. so come early and get the advantage of our foresight.

WE are, for the present, selling beautiful Scotch Lanes, exquisite patterns and very fine material, at 5 cents a yard. These were bought by the case early in December and would cost about as much as we are selling them for to-day.

YARD-WIDE, regular goods in Percales at 8c.

DIMITIES, Pineapple, Batiste, Foulards, Secrecuers, etc., etc., exquisite patterns at the lowest price they have ever been. But, oh my! What will be the price of the next lot. Every one ought to buy twice as many dresses now as usual so as to carry them through another year, for the trusts have the whip handle for at least eighteen months ahead.

WE can show more attractive things in Dress Goods, all bought before the advance, than we have ever owned. They range in price from 15c. a yard to \$2.50, the latter price for Black Silk Crepons.

44-inch Storm Serge at 25c.

39-inch Plaids at 12c.

36-inch Half-Wool Plaids at 25c.

38-inch 50 cent Plaids at 35c.

21-inch Pepper and Salt Mixture at 35c.

38-inch blue, brown and red Hairs lines at 35c.

38-inch all wool soft Spring Shades at 50c.

38-inch Gent's Cassimere finished Dress Goods at 5c.

45-inch ditto at 75c.

45 inch all wool Serges at 37 1/2 to 50c.

38-inch pink, blue, red, white and cream Henrietta at 25c.

Five bolts Black Grenadine, well worth 75c. for 40c. a yard.

Black Crepons at 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and up to \$2.50 a yard.

Figured and plain Black Goods from 10c. to \$1.50 a yard.

Silks and Satins, in black and colors, from 25c. to \$1.50.

Double-faced fifty-six inch goose, solid on one side and plaid on the other, five yards ample for two suits, in one, no lining, no trimming, no anything wanted but a card of books and eyes, to have a reversible tailor seemed suit for morning and evening wear.

Beautiful Mercerised Silk, 27 to 39 inches wide, at 35 to 40c. This is the latest and is taking like hot cakes. We have never seen a new dress fabric so popular.

The daintiest, sweetest things in white goods and specialties you ever beheld. Our Satin striped French Gingham at 40c. a yard are usually found only in first class city stores.

Hamburg, Swiss Embroideries and Nets for gingham and white dresses as yokes and sleeves.

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Now open, Spring Shoes at old prices. So get a pair out of this lot, as next will be much higher. Low cuts and high cuts for ladies, made by Duttonhoffer. The name is a guarantee of perfection in comfort, appearance and wear, as hundreds can testify in this town and county.

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